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LENOIR-RHYNE							ARMSTRONG STATE			
13	Final	1	2	3	4	5	6	R	H	E
	LENOIR-RHYNE (8-0)	3	3	2	0	4	1	13	17	1
	ARMSTRONG STATE (5-3)	2	0	2	0	1	0	5	4	2
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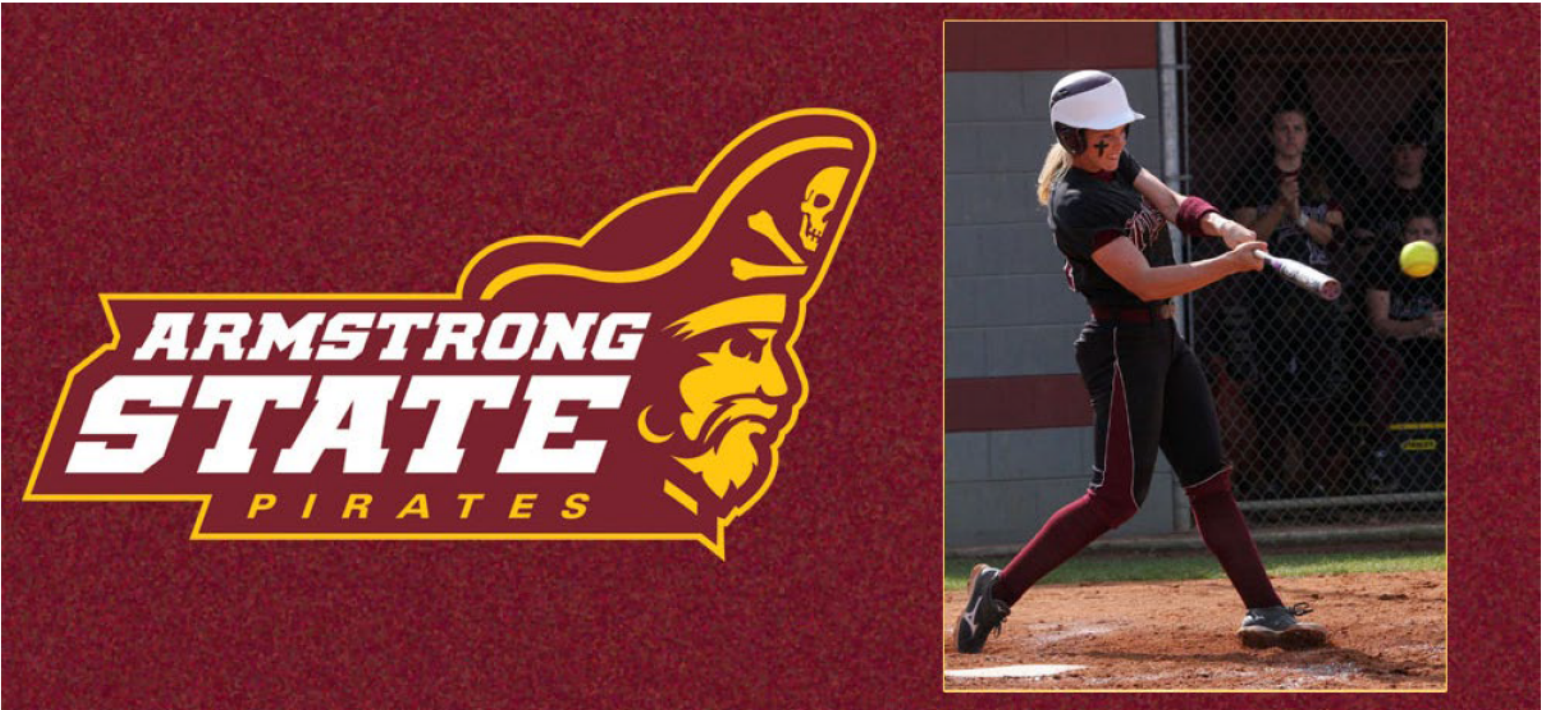
KING (TENN.)

ARMSTRONG STATE

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Final	1	2	3	4	5	R	H	E
KING (TENN.) (1-3)	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2
ARMSTRONG STATE (5-2)	4	0	3	1	X	8	9	0

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BATTING

SAVANNAH, Ga. - Armstrong State University senior **Alexis Mercer** tied the Peach Belt Conference's career home run record during the No. 8 Pirates' split of action at the Pirate Softball Classic II, presented by Fairfield Inn & Suites, on Saturday at the Armstrong Softball Field. Armstrong blanked King (Tenn.), 8-0, in five innings of game one, but lost to Lenoir-Rhyne, 13-5, in game two.

The split puts the Pirates at 5-3 on the season. Armstrong will wrap up action in the Classic on Sunday, facing Lenoir-Rhyne (8-0) at Noon and King (Tenn.) (1-3) at 2:00 p.m. Lenoir-Rhyne and King (Tenn.) will play at 10:00 a.m. in the other Sunday game.

Mercer launched a two-run home run in her first at bat against King (Tenn.) on Saturday, helping the Pirates plate four first-inning runs to take an early 4-0 lead. Sophomore **Jane Trzaska** then added a three-run home run in the third inning and delivered an RBI single in the fourth for the final margin.

Ollivia McLemore (3-1) picked up the win against the Tornado, giving up two hits and no runs in four innings of work, walking one while striking out seven. King (Tenn.) starter Lauren Smith (0-1) took the loss, giving up seven hits and seven runs - six earned - in two innings of action, walking one while striking out one.

In the second game, Lenoir-Rhyne plated three in the first inning on a two-run double by Brittany Coursen and an RBI single by Sarah Kenley. Mercer answered with a two-run home run in the bottom of the first to cut the lead to one, 3-2.

The Bears got a two-run home run of their own from Averi Miller in the second, as well as a sacrifice fly by Sydney Landreth to take a 6-2 lead. Lenoir-Rhyne would build a 12-4 lead in the fifth inning, then in the bottom of the fifth, Mercer blasted a solo home run - her third of the day and 50th of her career - to extend the game to the sixth inning. The home run ties Mercer with Lander's Ashley Tomlinson, who hit 50 home runs from 2000-03, for the career Peach Belt Conference home run record.

An RBI single by Miller for LRU accounted for the final margin and made a winner of Brandi Hole (4-0), who went six innings, giving up four hits and five runs, walking four while striking out three. Jane Trzaska (2-2) took the loss for the Pirates, giving up seven hits and six runs in 1 1/3 innings of action.

Mercer was 2-for-2 with three RBIs in game two, while Miller led the Bears, going 4-for-4 with 5 RBIs.



LENOIR-RHYNE
2B: Sydney Landreth; Ashley Oliver; Brittany Coursen; Dakota Keller
3B: none
HR: Averi Miller
ARMSTRONG STATE
2B: Autumn Parrish
3B: none
HR: Alexis Mercer 2

FULL STATS

BATTING
KING (TENN.)
2B: none
3B: none
HR: none
ARMSTRONG STATE
2B: Autumn Parrish; Jane Trzaska
3B: none
HR: Alexis Mercer; Jane Trzaska

FULL STATS



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